(d) Work on construction of third line from Bilaspur to Akaltara (27 Km.) on Jharsuguda-Durg line is in progress. At present Korba does not have terminal facilities and it is therefore, not possible to originate and terminate trains from Korba. The proposals for construction of new lines introduction of new trains, extension etc. are examined and provided subject to financial justifications and availability of funds. Many of these demands are financially not viable. The review and provision of facilities is a continuous process and subject to availability of funds and justifications, they are planned, and provided whenever justified and feasible. The reservation quotas allotted to stations are reviewed from time to time and adjustments made where justified and possible.

Land under ownership of Railways in the country

4266. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be peased to state:

(a) the total area of land under the ownership of Railways in the country at present, together with the break-up location-wise.

(b) the area of land which has been encroached upon by private parties/ organisations in different parts of the country at present with the details of area encroached upon by them.

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to retrieve the land, if so. the results achived; and

(d) whether Government have taken any decision to use commercially the land owned by Railways. if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The total area of land owned by Railways is about 4,19 lakh hectare, out of wnich about 1,772 hectare as under encroachment. Break-up of the area is as under:

Zone	Area of lard owned (in hectare)	Area under encroachmen t(in-hectare)
Central	45,044	79
Eastern	41,269	85
Northern;	55,819	646
North Eastern	41,443	221
Northeast Frontier	29,573	191
Southern	29,646	146
South Central	33,529	29
South Eastern	97,290	250
Western	45,835	125

(d) Yes, Sir. Eviction proceedings have been initiated under the Public Premises (Eviotion of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 in a large number of cases and the encroachments are removed from time to time accordance with the law.

(d) No, Sir.

बिहार में सिवान रेलवे स्टेशन से यात्रा करने वाले यात्री

4267. **श्री कामेश्वर पासवान** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में सिवान जंक्शन रेलवे स्टेशन से यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों की संख्या इस रेल लाइन पर स्थित अन्य स्टेशनों से यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों की तुलना में अधिक है और यात्री भाड़े के रूप में अधिक राजस्व अर्जित किया जाता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार सिवान स्टेशन पर अधिक यात्री-सुविधायें उपलब्ध कराने का विचार रखती है जो कि इस समय नगण्य है ; और

(ग) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) और (ख) का उत्तर "हां" हो, तो क्या सरकार इस बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए कि सिवान जिले के निवासियों के साथ-साथ गोपालगंज और मोतीहारी में रहने वाले व्यक्ति भी इसी स्टेशन से अपनी यात्रा आरंभ करते हैं; सिवान जंक्शन से नई दिल्ली की यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों को और अधिक सुविधायें उपलब्ध कराने हेतु वैशाली एक्सप्रेस और अन्य ट्रेनों में एक अलग रेल डिब्बा जोड़ने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. सी. लेंका) : (क) से (ग) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Reservation Quota for Trains Passing Through Solapur Station

4268. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 388 given in the Rajya Sabha no 25th November 1992 and state:

(a) whether any requests regarding increasing the reservation for trains passing through solapur have been received from Members of Parliament or Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other public representative bodies during the last twenty months; and

(b) if so the extent of increase in quota sought and to what extent the quota has been increased?

THE MINITSER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is attached.